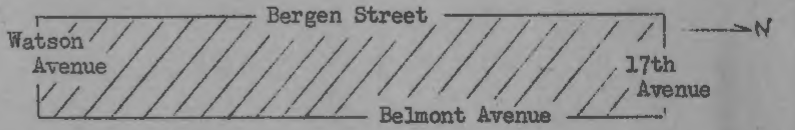
Save Our Homes Committee
CLINTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
26 Shanley Ave., Newark, N.J.

A PROGRAM OF HOPE

FOR THE 74-BLOCK "BLIGHTED" AREA

1. Keep open lines of communication between the citizens and the Mayor, City Council, and other public officials.
2. Removal of "blight" declaration from all or substantial parts of the 74-block area, to be reinstated when an acceptable re-use plan is possible.
3. All plans for re-use to exclude total area clearance for light industrial re-use or for predominant industrial re-use. Welcome independent alternate plans.
4. Close consultation between citizens and planning agencies during the planning stages, not when the plans have been "firmed up."
5. Offer local residents, businessmen, and property owners maximum chances to take part in the redevelopment through home and building improvements and cooperative self-help programs.
6. A gradual approach to redevelopment, sensitive to individual needs, keeping sound structures and areas intact, and minimizing dislocations by rebuilding clumps of blocks rather than huge tracts at any one time.
7. Relocation of site occupants within the 74-block area where possible and desired by the occupants, with full consideration of small businessman.
8. Study industrial space needs of present firms in area and concrete offers from outsiders with a view to rearranging industrial uses to improve efficiency and eliminate unsightly and non-conforming uses in residential areas.
9. Generally, north of Avon Avenue to be redeveloped for residential and community use. Generally, west of Jelliff Avenue for rehabilitation of housing.
10. New housing to include no high-rise low rent apartments, but perhaps garden type and 3-story low rent housing if intermixed with lower middle income units and new private housing, row-type and cooperatively owned in $13-15,000 class.
11. Begin to use provisions of Federal Housing Act not yet applied in Newark to help elderly and lower middle income families and citizen participation activities.
12. Immediate steps:
    a) Strict and equal enforcement of health and housing codes while waiting for plans to be prepared;
    b) Begin one-side of street parking to improve street sweeping; install brighter street lighting; prune trees; eliminate noise and garbage nuisances;
    c) Anticipate growing school enrollments by building a new full-sized elementary school;
    d) Coordinate activities with Rutgers University "human renewal" program.

The 74-Block Area
Project N.J.R-32
"Light Industrial"



THIS IS A DRAFT PROGRAM!

Please note - This program has been prepared after careful study by your fellow citizens in Clinton Hill. It is not final. What are your ideas? Send them into the committee (BI 3-6880, BI 2-8938) by phone or in writing. JOIN THE COMMITTEE. Take part in its discussions. Send in your name and you will be notified of its next meeting. Don't be on the fence; help to make Clinton Hill a better community.

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NEWARK EVENING NEWS, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1964

Newark Free to Reactivate Clinton Hill Industrial Plan

By BOB SHABAZIAN

Newark is free to reactivate the proposed light industrial urban renewal project, following the refusal this week of the United States Supreme Court to hear an appeal by seven residents of the Clinton Hill section seeking to upset the project's blight declaration.

The court denied a writ of certiorari, according to a spokesman. It takes a vote of at least four justices to get the case heard, he said.

The case has been in litigation since 1961 when the 74-block area was declared blighted during the administration of former mayor Leo P. Carlin. The complaining residents filed appeals based on constitutional and technical grounds, and the blight declaration has been upheld from the lower courts, through the New Jersey Supreme Court and up to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Grounds of Petition

The petition before the Supreme Court was based on constitutional grounds, the plaintiffs contending the statute under which the blight hearing was held contained no reference to discrimination.

In the lower courts, the Clinton Hill residents contended that the declaration amount to "Negro clearance" and was discriminatory.

The plaintiffs also contended that the blight declaration was tantamount to the taking of their property without due process.

The city, the Central Planning Board and the Newark Housing Authority as the city's official redevelopment agency had been named defendants in the suit. The defendants were represented before the U.S. Supreme Court by David L. Krooth of Washington, special counsel.

The area in question slated for light industrial expansion is bounded by 17th, Watson and Belmont avenues and Bergen Street. Since 1962 and a new administration headed by Mayor Hugh J. Addonizio, the overall plan has been altered to include more residential redevelopment.

Addonizio's Plan

Addonizio has come out in favor of shrinking the amount of light industrial redevelopment and confining it in the area from Rose Street south to Watson Avenue.

The federal government has earmarked $10,337,032 for land acquisition and clearance in the project.

A spokesman for the housing authority said the project will be reactivated immediately and that work would proceed on drafting a land reuse plan for the area.

The proposed developers of the light industrial project is the Belmont Urban Renewal Corp., whose chief backers are Financial General Corp. of Washington, and Empire Properties of Chicago, the organization of financier Henry Crown.

18,000 PEOPLE FACE DISLOCATION

A BATTLE IS LOST- BUT THE FIGHT GOES ON!

OUR COUNCIL WHICH HAS FOUGHT ALMOST ALONE FOR 3 YEARS WILL NOT STOP NOW!

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